

Literacy PERKS Professional Development Modules

Literacy PERKS (Program Effectiveness Review for Kentucky Schools) was designed for use by school and district personnel to evaluate, develop and/or refine an overall literacy plan. This original [LITERACY PERKS](#) document and accompanying resources can be accessed on the KDE website.

The most recent addition to PERKS resources are [LITERACY PERKS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MODULES](#) that have been designed around the Literacy PERKS standards and indicators to provide further support, resources and tools for schools and districts to complete an effective Literacy Plan. *This facilitator's guide offers suggestions and guidelines to help your school/district utilize the professional development modules for maximum effectiveness.*

What are the PERKS Professional Development Modules?	<p>The LITERACY PERKS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MODULES are downloadable, ready-to-use sessions designed to assist schools and districts as they write and revise literacy plans. These sessions provide training and support for addressing specific literacy-related issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• aligning curriculum• designing effective multiple assessments• planning quality instruction and targeted intervention• creating a literate environment• establishing school/family/community partnerships• providing quality professional development• assembling a school literacy team• accessing valuable resources• developing a literacy plan
How are the PD modules organized?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PD modules correspond to standards in the PERKS document. For example, Module 1 is about aligning curriculum, Module 2 about multiple assessments.• Each module includes a scripted PowerPoint presentation with relevant video clips and examples for clarity.• Each module has its own Facilitator's Guide and supporting handouts that can be accessed at LITERACY PERKS PD MODULES.• Each module was designed for a 50-60 minute session.
What is involved in planning a PD session?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preview the Introduction Session, which provides you with information on the creation and purpose of a Literacy Team and a School Literacy Plan.• Consult the Facilitator's Guide for the module for specific information about the session and its intended audience• Carefully preview and practice the module before your professional development

	<p>session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan ways to specifically talk about and model the best-practice instructional activities in the module • Prior to the session, consider directing participants to download and print the handouts for the session available at LITERACY PERKS PD MODULES • Consider the most effective use of activities, considering your particular audience. • Consider the most effective ways to assess implementation of the sessions' goals in your school/district. • Be aware that some modules contain grade-level appropriate examples and supports (e.g. some contain separate videos/activities that apply to elementary, middle or high school settings) • Check out the additional support materials for each standard that can be found on the KDE website at LITERACY PERKS. You will find text, video and/or research to support and/or extend your knowledge of each of the indicators • Select the most appropriate supplemental material for your audience
What else do I need to know?	<p>The PERKS professional development modules are recommended as part of a year-long commitment to the literacy plan, or they can be used for professional growth as needed. The LITERACY PERKS PD MODULES are effective with whole faculty, small group or individual use. Although it is recommended that the sessions be used in sequence as part of a comprehensive literacy review, the sessions can be delivered as individual presentations on an "as needed" basis. If you are planning to use all of the PERKS modules with your staff, preview each module and its accompanying LITERACY PERKS materials as you plan for and carefully schedule/sequence each session.</p>

Standard 5 – Partnerships

Facilitator’s Guide

The Partnerships module shows the relationships that exist between the school and parents, school and businesses and school and the community. This module would be most beneficial to **Administrators, Family Resource Center Coordinators, Counselors and Parent Volunteer Coordinators**. Additional resources can be found at [LITERACY PERKS](#) .

Items Needed

PowerPoint file (print and preview prior to session); file can be accessed at [PERKS PD Modules](#).

PPT presentation contains 32 slides and 3 video clips.

- Slide 4 – Clay County Reading Celebration
- Slide 9 – School Climate
- Slide 23 – Russell Independent

SLIDE(S)	DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
1	Title Page	
2	Session Objectives	
3	Overview of Essential Elements	
4	Involving Stakeholders	Contains video clip – Clay County Reading Celebration Use Handout 5-2
5	Partnerships Overview	Brainstorming Activity
6-15	School/ Family Partnerships	Slide 9 video clip- school climate Slide 15 use handout 5-1
16-21	School/ Business Partnerships	Slide 20 – Discussion Slide 21, Use Handout 5-1
22-29	School/ Community Partnerships	Slide 23 contains video clip – Russell Independent Slide 29, Use Handout 5-1
30	Next Steps	Use Handout 5-1
31-33	Resources	

Printed handouts (you might ask participants to print their own handouts for sessions)

You will need Internet connectivity to access the links on slides 9 and 23. If online connectivity is not available, you might consider downloading and saving the links to your computer in advance of the PD session.

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